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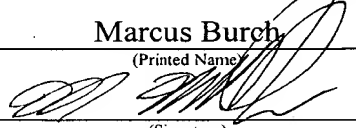
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INTEGRAL FLIGHTS FOR USE
IN HIGH-TEMPERATURE FOOD
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT
AND METHODS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

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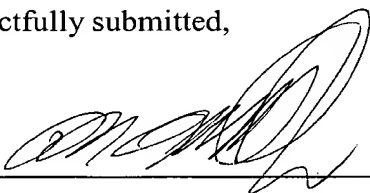
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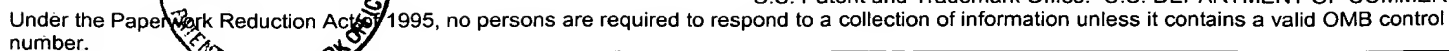
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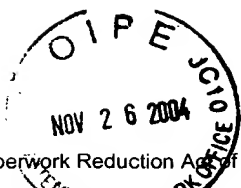
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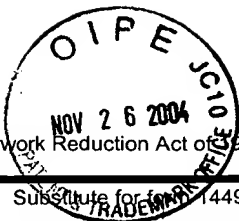
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